

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1661

Examiner: Wendy C. Haas

For: Methods for Increasing Conifer Somatic
Embryo Initiation, Capture and
Multiplication

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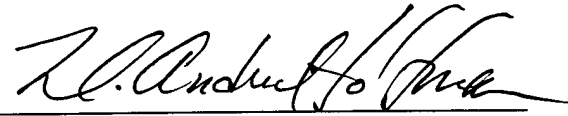
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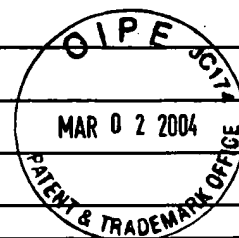
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